

**Bayer Polymers
Americas**

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER
NOV 24 2003
OFFICIAL

Date November 24, 2003To USPTO
Group No. 1713Fax 703-872-9307 Pages 11- with coverFrom Jennifer R. SengFax 412-777-3902 Tel. 412-777-3879Re: Mo5874/RC-213
U.S. Serial No. 09/764,672

Bayer Polymers LLC
Americas
100 Bayer Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15205-9741

Response and Amendment after Final.

NOTICE OF CONFIDENTIALITY

The information contained in and transmitted with this facsimile may be confidential, subject to the attorney-client privilege, attorney work product, and/or exempt from disclosure under applicable law and is intended only for the individual or entity named above. If you are not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that inadvertent disclosure of this information to you does not constitute a waiver of confidentiality or privilege and that any review, disclosure, copying, or use of the contents of the facsimile by you is prohibited. If you have received this facsimile in error, please immediately call the sender collect at the above phone number, so that we can arrange for the return of the original facsimile at our cost.

OFFICIAL**RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER****NOV 24 2003****PATENT
APPLICATION{PRIVATE}
Mo-5874
RC-213****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICATION OF) EXPEDITED UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
THOMAS FRUH ET AL) EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/764,672) EXAMINING GROUP NO. 1713
FILED: JANUARY 18, 2001) EXAMINER: P. MULCAHY
TITLE: VULCANIZABLE RUBBER MIXES) RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 5

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 1, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 1, 2004. The Examiner's rejections have been carefully considered, and in view of the remarks, reconsideration and early allowance of Claims 1-7 is courteously requested.

Amendment to the Specification: None.

Amendment to the Claims: None, a listing of Claims 1-7 begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendment to the Drawings: None.

Remarks and Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

Appendix: None.

CERTIFICATION OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.

Jennifer R. Seng, Reg. No. 45,851
Name of applicant, assignee or Registered Representative

Signature
November 24, 2003
Date